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1. GOB NO LONGER PLACES FIXED OVERALL CEILING ON TOTAL PCVS IN BOTSWANA, BUT ACCEPTS THEM ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IT THEREFORE IS INCUMBENT UPON PC/BOTSWANA TO JUSTIFY EACH ASSIGNMENT TO GOB BY DEMONSTRATING THAT IT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE GOB'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN. IN THE CASE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN QUESTION, ALL OF THESE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY GOB. EMBASSY THEREFORE HAS NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH THESE ASSIGNMENTS, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY IN ANY WAY STRAIN OUR RELATIONS WITH GOB.

2. WE REALIZE OF COURSE THAT THE CONJUNCTION OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING PROGRAMS CREATES A TEMPORARY SWELLING OF THE COUNTRY-WIDE PCV LEVEL, BUT ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS AS A TRANSITORY PHENOMENON.

3. EMBASSY AND PCB ARE BOTH ALERT TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN FORWARD AREAS SUCH AS FRANCISTOWN. PCB HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ASSIGNING AS FEW PCVS AS POSSIBLE TO THESE LOCATIONS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND TO ASSURE THAT THE ASSIGNEMTN OF ALL PCVS, INCLUDING THE SUBJECT PROGRAM, BE MADE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE VOLUNTEERS AS THE FOREMOST CRITERION.

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